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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Washington, March 1.—The forty-eight States of the Union at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1913, had an aggregate public debt of \$419,157,000, according to figures of the Census Office made public today. Ten years ago the indebtedness of these same States amounted to but \$274,999,000. Offsetting the total debt for last year the States reported \$77,032,000 in sinking fund assets leaving the actual indebtedness \$342,125,000.

This is an increase over ten years ago of \$167,158,000 or nearly 60 per cent, and is in sharp contrast with the slightly more than 20 per cent increase in population in the same period. In 1903, the actual indebtedness of the States and territories amounted to \$211,216,000, and 1893, \$274,999,000. Between 1893 and 1903 these figures show that the debt of the States gradually decreased, while during the last ten years there has been a very noticeable increase.

In 1893 the per capita State indebtedness was \$2.45; in 1903, \$3.37; in 1908, \$2.89, due to rapid increase in

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population and decrease in debt. In 1913 it had increased to \$3.52, due to very rapid increase in debt in contrast with a much slower increase in population. Of the present indebtedness about \$112,000,000 is floating, and nearly \$400,000,000 funded.

The total debt (less sinking fund assets) for Massachusetts represents 23.2 per cent of the debt of all the States of the United States. Iowa, Wyoming and Oregon each has less than one-tenth of 1 per cent of the debt of all the States, while in the

case of Pennsylvania, the sinking fund assets exceed the total debt. Vermont, Nebraska and Kansas each has only one-tenth of 1 per cent of the debt of forty-eight States. New York enjoys the distinction of having 25 per cent of the total State indebtedness. The per capita debt in Iowa amounts to only 3 cents, in Oregon, 4 cents. In Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming the per capita debt is less than 1 cent.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Frederick Mennerich Killed by Explosion in Machine. Sullivan, Ill., March 1.—Frederick W. Mennerich was killed today by the explosion of a mechanical machine which he received from Decatur, Ill., by mail, and tried to open after deciding that his ability as an expert repairman would prevent ignition of the explosive.

Mennerich's wife, from whom he had been separated, was taken in custody at Springfield, Ill., as a witness, but was later released.

Mennerich received the package by mail on Friday. It had been mailed at Decatur on Thursday. From the appearance of the Mennerich, it is clear it was explosive apparatus, and refused to open it. He wrote a letter to his wife in Springfield, telling her about the package, and saying he had decided to open it, as he knew how to do so without causing an explosion. This letter was not mailed, but was found unsealed in the yard after the explosion. This fact led the sheriff to believe that possibly Mennerich had made the machine himself to cover up suicide.

Brown When Cannon Overturns. Paducah, Ky., March 1.—William Wilhelm, reporter on a local newspaper and formerly a star athlete of the State University of Kentucky, today was drawn here in a cannon in which he and Nelson Soule were paddling, overturned. Soule was rescued by a tug boat. Wilhelm's body was not recovered.

Arguments Against Suffrage. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, March 1.—Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, leader of the anti-suffrage forces, arrived in Washington today. Mrs. Dodge will conduct the anti-suffrage arguments to be made at the suffrage hearing before the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday.

OBITUARY

Funeral of Augustus H. Porter. The funeral of Augustus H. Porter, a well-known citizen of Norfolk, who died at Protestant Hospital on Saturday night at 6:40 o'clock, will be held from the Mortuary Chapel at Hollywood this morning at 11:40 o'clock.

Mr. Porter was son of W. J. Porter and Sarah Johnson Porter, of Farmville, Va., where he was born August 24, 1847. He enlisted in the Confederate army with the rank of corporal, Thirty-first Virginia Regiment, at the age of sixteen, and at the close of the war succeeded his father in the retail mercantile business, operating stores in Farmville, Suffolk, Bedford, and Martinsville. Later he removed to Charlotte, N. C., where he engaged in the wholesale trade, coming to Norfolk in 1901. He retired from business five years ago, since which time he had been living at his country home, "Willowhurst," near Ocean City, leaves six children—Dr. W. J. Porter, of Boston, Mass.; Augustus C. Porter, and Vernon Porter, of Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. H. H. Ellington, of Richmond; Mrs. Omer Bryant and Mrs. W. P. Burg, of Norfolk.

H. P. Turner. The funeral services of H. P. Turner, who died at the Soldiers' Home on Saturday, took place yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the chapel. Interment was made in Hollywood Cemetery.

Dr. William L. Robinson. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Danville, Va., March 1.—Dr. William L. Robinson, one of the oldest and most

DEATHS

GERMELMAN.—Died, at her residence, 1409 Stewart street, at 5:10 A. M. March 1, 1914, SALLIE ESTHER, wife of M. A. Gorman. Besides her husband, she leaves seven children—Henry L., Earnest J., Dora L., Louis M., George J., Carl F., and Mrs. Ruth Stone—also two half-sisters, James H. Conway and Joseph Conway; three sisters, Mrs. Willie Dean, Mrs. Maggie Tate, Mrs. Nettie Taylor.

Funeral from the above address at 3 P. M. TUESDAY AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock. Interment in Oakwood.

TURNER.—Died, Saturday, February 28, 1914, HENRY PENDLETON TURNER, in the sixty-eighth year of his age. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Annie Woolfolk of this city.

Funeral services will be held from the Soldiers' Home Chapel Sunday at 3 P. M. Rev. Drs. Landon Mason and James officiating.

ONEILL.—Died, at Memorial Hospital, February 28, 1914, FRANK P. ONEILL, in the thirty-fourth year of his age. He leaves to mourn, besides his wife, Frankie Koss ONEILL, his mother, two brothers, J. J. and H. M. ONEILL, and one sister, Mrs. J. Griffin.

Funeral from St. Patrick's Church TUESDAY, March 3, at 10 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

AVERY.—Died, Saturday, February 28, 1914, at his home, 1502 Twenty-second street, THOMAS E. AVERY. Funeral services will be held from the Presbyterian Church Monday, 2:30 P. M. Interment in Oakwood.

WALKER.—Entered into rest, Sunday, March 1, at 5 o'clock A. M. Mrs. P. C. WALKER, widow of the late W. C. Walker. Funeral from her home, Stuart Avenue and Mulberry street, TODAY at 2 o'clock.

BURFORD.—Died, at 9:15 P. M. at the residence of her brother-in-law, R. J. Goodman, 605 West Cary, Mrs. ANNIE M. BURFORD. Funeral notice later.

PORTER.—Died, Saturday, February 28, at Protestant Hospital, Norfolk, Va., at 10:30 P. M. THIS (Monday) MORNING at 11:40 at Mortuary Chapel, Hollywood.

GRISHAM.—Died, at Columbia, Va., March 1, 1914, at 4:30 o'clock P. M. MR. OSCAR GRISHAM, in his seventy-eighth year. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. H. Hind and Mrs. R. T. Siding, and two sons, C. H. and W. W. Grisham. Burial at Bowling Green, Va.

ONEILL.—Another comrade, FRANK P. ONEILL, has been taken from us. Again, and oh, so soon, we realize his place in our midst is vacant. Only recently Mr. ONEILL was promoted to take the place once filled by P. H. Kessler, in Engine Company No. 2. Mr. ONEILL had been in the Fire Department about seven years, and was loved by all his comrades, and those who knew him. Only six months ago we boys celebrated our comrade's marriage to Miss Frankie Koss.

The funeral will be held from St. Patrick's Church TUESDAY MORNING, March 3, at 10 o'clock.

The golden gates were opened wide. A gentle voice said "Come." And angels from the other side Welcomed our dear comrade home.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber, Peaceful be thy long repose. Thou no more wilt join our number, Thou no more our sorrows know.

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distinguished physicians and surgeons of Danville, and one who ranked high in Virginia, died this morning at his residence after an illness extending through two and a half years.

Dr. Robinson was the son of Dr. Thomas Lavalley Robinson and Ann Robinson, of Cumberland County, Va., and was born February 14, 1845. While a mere youth he offered his services to the Confederacy and entered the cavalry arm of the service as a member of Troop G, Third Virginia Cavalry, recruited in Cumberland County. In the cavalry battle at Mitchell's Station, his horse was shot down and he was wounded and captured. He was imprisoned for four months at Fort Lookout, and for seven months at Elmira before he was paroled and allowed to return to his home. Immediately afterward he entered the University of Virginia and received his M. D. degree in 1867. He came direct-

ly to this city and began the practice of medicine, and had continued it with unusual success and growing reputation, until his death. He was a member of the late Colonel Reuben Harrison, and a cousin of Commonwealth's Attorney Charles D. Harrison.

Dr. Robinson had won many honors in his profession. He was made president of the Medical Society of Virginia, of the South Piedmont Medical Society and of the Tri-State Medical Society, was a member of the Southern Surgical Association and for many years president of the Danville Board of Health, and president or member of the State Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Robinson was married November 15, 1872, in this city to Miss Juliet L. Robinson, who died years ago. He is survived by his sons—Dr. Julian M. Robinson, of Danville; Marion and William L. Robinson—and Mrs. Mabel Robinson Catlin, wife of James T. Catlin, Jr., of this city. An elder daughter died about six months ago. She was Mrs. Louise Robinson de Bordeneau, who was stricken with pneumonia and died while on her way to visit her invalid father. The information of her death was kept from him until it was too late.

The funeral services will take place at 3:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon from the Main Street Methodist Church, of which he was a member.

Mrs. Lucy Bailey Hensberger. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Harrisonburg, Va., March 1.—The funeral of Mrs. Lucy Bailey Hensberger, a public-spirited woman of Harrisonburg, and was well known in Virginia society, being connected with several families of prominence. She died on Thursday in Boston, Mass., at the home of her son, Ellis Hensberger. The body arrived in Harrisonburg yesterday.

She was the step-mother of Dr. Lucien G. Hensberger, medical director in the United States Navy, who recently retired after thirty years' active service. Dr. Hensberger was on board the battleship Maine when the explosion occurred in Havana harbor.

Mrs. Hensberger was born in Staunton on February 9, 1843. Her father, Rev. H. W. Bailey, a Presbyterian minister, was the founder and first principal of Mary Baldwin Seminary, in Staunton. Before coming to Harrisonburg she lived with her half-sister, Mrs. John Lyle Campbell, in Lexington. Her husband, the late A. E. Hensberger, was an officer of the First National Bank. Of their three children, two survive—the above-mentioned son and Mrs. Hensberger of Florida, wife of Judge G. G. Herring. She also leaves a step-daughter, Mrs. George G. Gratton, of Harrisonburg.

Mrs. Hensberger was a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy, D. A. R., the Woodbine Society, the Memorial Association of Virginia and other organizations. She had been in declining health since last August, and on February 3 suffered a severe attack of grippe.

Mrs. Susanna Harrison. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Harrisonburg, Va., March 1.—Mrs. Susanna Harrison, seventy-five years old, died Friday near Lacey Spring, Rockingham County. She was a sister of the late Colonel Reuben Harrison, and a cousin of Commonwealth's Attorney Charles D. Harrison.

Grover C. Judd. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lynchburg, Va., March 1.—Grover C. Judd, aged thirty years, died at his home in Lynchburg today. A widow and two children survive him.

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